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MICKEY LELAND
18TH DISTRICT, TEXAS

MAJORITY WHIP AT-LARGE



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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

September 16, 1983

Dr. J. Alford
2020 Salo
Houston, Tx. 77020

Dear Dr. Alford:

Attached is a self-explanatory letter which was received by my office.

I would appreciate it if you would please advise me of your action concerning this matter.

If you require any assistance in the future please contact Cleo Johnson, my congressional assistant.

Sincerely yours,

MICKEY LELAND
Member of Congress

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P. O. Box 52201
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August 12, 1983

Mr. Mickey Leland
UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN
4101 San Jacinto Street
Houston, Texas 77004

Dear Mr. Leland;

I recently attended my family reunion at the Julia C. Hester House located on 2020 Solo Street in Houston, Texas. I was appalled at the deplorable decay and neglect of this building.

Once a bastion of the Fifth Ward community, Hester House is now in such a dismal state that I believe that it is a definite health hazard.

My grandmother had paid \$125 for the use of a portion of the center that was not even set up to specifications. Instead, we found that the kitchen area was unmopped and filthy; the smell of urine was coming from the adjacent restroom; the table and chairs in the auditorium were dirty; and the floor dirty with apparently only a cursory mopping job done on it.

In addition, the auditorium had not even been set up at all. Our own family had to come and clean tables, the kitchen and the chairs. There was a janitor there, or I presumed that he was, who damp mopped the kitchen floor.

Are there just a bunch of highly paid administrators there that do nothing but draw a pay check and talk on the telephone all day? I am inclined to think just that.

No one in fair consciousness could suffer little children to come to such a dismal place. The Hester House is truly depressing! Something must be done about it!

Sincerely,

Larry D. Hicks
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